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TORRENTE, AND JOSE MARIA PORTELL MANSO) FY-76 IVP

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1. POST NOMINATES JOSE MARIA PORTELL MANSO AS FOURTH PARTICIPANT IN MARCH POLITICAL COMMENTATORS JOURNALIST TOUR. PORTELL, 42, IS CHIEF REPORTER FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL AFFAIRS, "LA GACETA DEL NORTE" (BILBAO). HE HAS REPUTATION FOR ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS AND WON NOTORIETY LAST YEAR FOR BOOK OUTLINING HISTORY OF ETA (BASQUE) POLITICAL GROUP. MORE RECENTLY HE HAS BEEN TAPPED BY KING JUAN CARLOS FOR COUNSEL ON BASQUE MATTERS.

2. PORTELL'S PROGRAM INTERESTS COINCIDE CLOSELY WITH THOSE OF OTHER POLITICAL COMMENTATORS AND POST WILL INVITE HIM TO MADRID FOR ORIENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFFS AND OTHER TOUR MEMBERS.

3. BIO-DATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: JOSE MARIA PORTELL MANSO
PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: BARCALVO, VIZCAYA, SPAIN
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DECEMBER 7, 1934

CITIZENSHIP: SPANISH

PRESENT POSITION: CHIEF REPORTER FOR LOCAL AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS, "LA GACETA DEL NORTE",
BILBAO.

PUBLICATIONS: HE HAS CONCENTRATED HIS EFFORTS MAINLY
ON LOCAL PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY ANTI-POLLUTION
PROGRAMS (FOR WHICH WORK HE GOT A GOLD
DECORATION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF MIRA-
VILLES).

TRAVELS ABROAD: HE HAS VISITED FRANCE AND ENGLAND.
LANGUAGES: HE CANNOT SPEAK ENGLISH BUT CAN READ IT.
SOME FRENCH.

4. SECURITY CHECK BEING PROCESSED. PLEASE CONFIRM
SOONEST ACCEPTABILITY OF PORTELL PARTICIPATION THIS
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